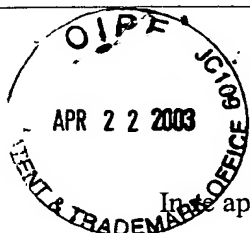


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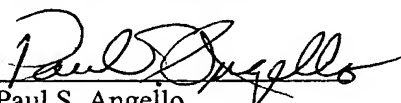
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1. Pursuant to their duty of disclosure, applicants present for the Examiner's consideration the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

☒ Copies of the documents are enclosed.

☐ Copies (a copy) of document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are (is) not enclosed because (1) they are already of record in U.S. Pat. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, on which this application relies for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120, and (2) any information disclosure statement filed in the prosecution of U.S. Pat. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, complies with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.98(a) and (c). (37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).)

2. ☐ Applicant(s) draw(s) the Examiner's attention to the enclosed copy of copending U.S. Pat. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_, which is cited in this application.

3. This information disclosure statement is being submitted:

a. ☒ Within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits; or before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114. (No statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) is required.)

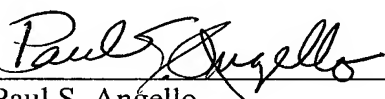
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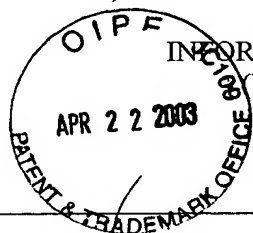
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5. ☐ Applicants set forth below concise explanations of the relevance of each document not in the English language and/or selected documents in the English language.

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